

HOUSE RESOLUTION 60

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Clyde Benjamin Shaw,
Sr.

WHEREAS, we were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Clyde Benjamin Shaw,
Sr., a native of Somerville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Hattie Finnie Shaw and Julius Shaw, Clyde Benjamin
Shaw received his education at Fayette County Training School; and

WHEREAS, he accepted Christ at an early age while attending Mt. Olive Missionary
Baptist Church in Somerville; and

WHEREAS, shortly after graduating from high school, Mr. Shaw was inducted into the
U.S. Army and proudly served his country in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw eventually moved to Cleveland, Ohio, after completing his military
service, and it was there that he met his future wife, Eloise Cook; and

WHEREAS, the happy couple was joined in holy matrimony on July 30, 1955, at Antioch
Baptist Church, where Mr. Shaw served as an usher for many years, and their union was
blessed with two sons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
supervisors alike while working as a master electrician for General Motors for thirty-eight years;
and

WHEREAS, after taking a much-deserved retirement, he served as a limousine driver for
E.F. Boyd and Son Funeral Home; and

WHEREAS, an active citizen who believed strongly in giving back to his community, Mr.
Shaw served on the Zoning and Appeals Board for the City of Warrensville Heights, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, an avid fan of the Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Cavaliers, he had a multitude of hobbies, most of them involving exercise and fitness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw enjoyed keeping abreast of his hometown's affairs and events by reading the *Fayette Falcon*; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Shaw was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw is mourned but fondly remembered by his sons, Clyde B. Shaw, Jr., and Mark J. Shaw, Sr., and wife, Marcella; his grandchildren, Ashley N. Shaw, Danielle A. Shaw, Mark J. Shaw, Jr., and Jordan A. Shaw; his sister, Elvira Herron; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family members, and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents and beloved wife, Eloise, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Mathew Shaw and Andrew Lee Shaw; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Benjamin Shaw, Sr., leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Clyde Benjamin Shaw, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Shaw.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.